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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services California Service Center Processing Dates Posted November 14, 2007

The processing times shown below are a tool for our customers to gauge our current processing times. When applications and petitions are completed within our target timeframes, that goal will be shown in the data display.

The processing times shown below are for applications that have just been completed. If you have just filed your application, these timeframes may not reflect how long your application will take to be completed. We encourage you to check this page periodically before inquiring about your case. The processing times are updated monthly.

USCIS has received a significant increase in the number of applications filed. In July and August, nearly 2.5 million applications and petitions of all types were received. This compares to 1.2 million applications and petitions received in the same time period last year. This fiscal year, we received 1.4 million applications for naturalization; nearly double the volume we received the year before. The agency is working to improve processes and focus increased resources, including hiring approximately 1,500 new employees, to address this workload.

As a result, average processing times for certain application types may be longer. In particular, naturalization applications filed after June 1, 2007 may take approximately 16-18 months to process.

We offer a variety of services after you file. For example, for most kinds of cases you can [check the status of your case online](#).

For more information about when and how to contact us, whether your case is outside our processing time or if there are other issues, please see our customer guide –

[Case Services - How do I... know what kind of services are available to me after I file my application or petition?](#)

Service Center Processing Dates for **California Service Center** Posted November 14, 2007

Form	Title	Classification or Basis for Filing	Processing Timeframe
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	Initial issuance or replacement	July 29, 2006
I-102	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record	Initial issuance or replacement of a Form I-94	3 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of	2 Months

		status in the U.S.	
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S.	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2A - Temporary workers	15 Days
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-2B - Other temporary workers	30 Days
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	H-3 - Temporary trainees	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	E - Treaty traders and investors	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	L - Intracompany transfers	30 Days
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Blanket L	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	O - Extraordinary ability	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	R - Religious occupation	2 Months
I-129	Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker	TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional	2 Months
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child	April 29, 2007
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21	6 Months
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	January 17, 2003
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21	April 30, 2001
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister	April 30, 2001
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filing for a spouse or child under 21	January 01, 2005
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	Permanent resident filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21	February 07, 2005
I-131	Application for Travel Document	All other applicants for advance parole	3 Months
I-212	Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. After Deportation or Removal	Readmission after deportation or removal	6 Months
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	All other special immigrants	January 17, 2007
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status	Employment-based adjustment applications	6 Months
I-526	Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur	For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States	6 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change of status to H or L dependents	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories	3 Months

I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Change Status to the J exchange visitor category	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other change of status applications	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of stay for H and L dependents	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors	3 Months
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	All other extension applications	3 Months
I-612	Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement	Application for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement based on exceptional hardship or persecution	March 06, 2007
I-751	Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents)	6 Months
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a request by a qualified F-1 academic student. [(c)(3)]	11 Weeks
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a pending asylum application [(c)(8)]	30 Days
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application [(c)(9)]	11 Weeks
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on TPS for Honduras/Nicaragua [(c)(19), (a)(12)]	11 Weeks
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	Based on TPS for El Salvador [(c)(19)(a)(12)]	11 Weeks
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	All other applications for employment authorization	11 Weeks
I-817	Application for Family Unity Benefits	Voluntary departure under the family unity program	April 13, 2007
I-824	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	To request further action on an approved application or petition	6 Months
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors)	6 Months
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) based on PL107-273	September 10, 1997

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